

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Congressman Silvestre Reves, Chairman

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House and Senate Chairmen Continue Work on FISA Reform

Washington, D.C.- House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX), Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT), and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) released the following statement regarding their continued work to reach a compromise on Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) reform:

"In what should have been a bipartisan, bicameral meeting, staff members of the House and Senate Judiciary and Intelligence Committees met today to work in good faith to reach a compromise on FISA reform. As we have said, we are using this week to work on a compromise that strengthens our national security and protects Americans' privacy. Unfortunately, we understand our Republican counterparts instructed their staffs not to attend this working meeting, therefore not allowing progress to be made in a bipartisan, bicameral way. While we are disappointed that today's meeting could not reflect a bipartisan effort, we will continue to work and hope Republicans will join us to put our nation's security first."